

	<i>International (Rs./MT)</i>	<i>Domestic (Rs./MT)</i>
Long grain rice	5070-28487	4600-6000
Basmati rice	22100-26000	18000-31000
Wheat	4420-4810	4250-5800
Maize	3510-3640	4200-4350
Other coarse grains	7800-9100	4100-5500

(b) To encourage the export of above items, Govt. have simplified the export procedures and brought them under OGL list 3 w.e.f. 14th Oct., 1991. Exim scrips at 30% where also introduced under the new trade policy in 1991 which have new been withdrawn after the rupee was made partially convertible. The compulsory pre-shipment inspection has also been done away with in certain cases. These steps have helped to increase the exports of these commodities and earn higher foreign exchange.

**Conversion of National Highway
No.5 between Vijayawad-
Chilakaluripeta into four Lane**

6004. SHRI SUGHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the work done so far to convert Vijayawada-Chilakaluripeta stretch of National Highway No. 5 into four lane;

(b) the estimated cost of the project and the amount earmarked in 1990-91 and 1991-92;

(c) the amount spent so far and reasons for the delay in completion of this work; and

(d) the time by which the work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c). Four-laning of Vijayawada-Chilakaluripeta Section of National Highway No. 5, which is proposed to be taken up in stages, has not started so far as the project is yet to be sanctioned. This will depend on acquisition of additional land wherever needed, inter-se priorities of various projects and availability of funds of funds of four-laning during the 8th Plan which is still to be finalised. However, as preparatory actin, an estimate for additional land in Km 394 to Km 434 was sanctioned for Rs. 160.50 lakhs in March, 1992.

(d) Since the 8th Plan is not yet finalised, and the required land for four-laning is still to be acquired, it's too early to indicate the date of start and completion of 4-laning in this section.

New Export-Import Policy

6005. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to bring out a new export-import policy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). The Government have brought out a new Export & Import Policy for April 1992-March 1997 vide Ministry of Commerce public Notice No. 1-TIC (PN)/92-97 dated 31.3.1992, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

Collection of Indirect Taxes

6006. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the, region-wise, collections of indirect taxes during the first three quarters of 1991-91;

(b) whether there has been a decline in collection of indirect taxes in north and east zones during the period;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The provisional estimates of departmental zone-wise revenue realisations from customs (excluding sale proceeds of confiscated gold and silver) and central excise duties (exclusive of cesses not administered by the Department of Revenue) during April, 1991-December, 1991 are given below:-

(Rs. in crores)

Zones	Customs & Excise
East Zone	3925.66
West Zone	16744.56
North Zone	6067.82
South Zone	7543.44

(b) There has been no decline in collections of customs and central excise revenue during the first three quarters of 1991-92 in north and east zones as compared to the collections of corresponding period in 1990-91.

(c) to (e). In view of (b) above, do not arise.

[Translation]

Request Pending for Merger of Establishments

6997. SHRI SURESHANAND SWAMI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of establishments approved by the Government for their expansion, establishment and merging one establishment into another during the last two years;

(b) the number of representations received for approval for the said projects during this period;

(c) the reasons for not according approval to the remaining cases; and

(d) by what time approval will be accorded to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMAGALAM): (a) to (d). Approvals for substantial expansion, establishment of new undertakings and merger/amalgamation, were being granted by the Department of Company Affairs in terms of Sections 21, 22 and 23 of the MRTP Act, 1969. a Statement indicating the details of applications received under the said Sections dur-